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* BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 89-250 SPE

The Petitioner, by the Contract Purchaser, Landex, Inc., represented by David G. Johnston, appeared, testified and was represented by John B. Gontrum, Esquire. Also appearing and testifying on behalf of the Petition were Griffith Davis, a land owner, and Douglas Kennedy, a registered professional engineer, with KCW Consultants, Inc., who prepared Petitioner's Exhibit 1. Petitioner's Exhibit 1 contains additional notations placed thereon by the attorney for the Petitioner which Mr. Kennedy agrees are correct. The current property owner, Mr. Ronald Gajewski, appeared and testified. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 2515 Yorkway, was improved by a four unit apartment building in 1943 or 1944. Testimony indicated that there are two units on the first floor of the building and two units on the second floor. The remaining portion of the basement is improved with storage and utility space. Tax records submitted into evidence show that the subject building has been assessed and

transferred over the years as at least a four unit apartment building continuously and without interruption since approximately 1944. Testimony and evidence presented substantiates that the building was originally constructed as a four unit apartment building and has been used consistently as a four unit apartment building since its original development. The evidence tends to indicate the subject property was zoned "D" residential during the 1945 Baltimore County Comprehensive Zoning. The evidence further establishes that the exterior parameters of the building have not changed or been altered since the original construction.

This building is one of a group that was found to be nonconforming in a matter before the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in case #77-142-V and C-77-258. In that case the Board of Appeals found that 2511 Yorkway, which is next door to be the subject property in the same group of buildings, was a nonconforming six (6) unit apartment house. The evidence tends to establish that all of this group of apartment buildings were built at the same time. The group of apartment buildings appear to be one uniform structure. I, therefore, find the evidence that applies to the previous Board of Appeals matter will apply to all of the buildings in this group.

Numerous other cases have been considered over the years for nonconforming use in the immediate vicinity. Affidavits from those cases also were introduced by Petitioner and indicate that the Yorkway units was decided in September, 1988 for 2532 Yorkway for a similar building in

were all built at about the same time in the mid-1940s as four unit apartment buildings. Over the years some buildings have added additional units in the basement area. In almost every case, without exception, nonconforming uses have been granted for at least four units. Case No. 89-103-SPH the next block. Additionally, Case Nos. 88-14-SPH and 86-290-SPH found that norconforming uses existed for at least four apartments since prior to 1945. In the instant case, the Petitioner requests a nonconforming use for the original four apartment units only.

The first issue to be determined in a nonconforming use case is whether or not the property in question was legally and permissibly developed prior to the statutory change which created the alleged nonconforming status. The four unit apartment building in the instant case was constructed prior to the adoption of the 1945 zoning regulations. This property is often referred to by the Petitioner and in this Opinion as an apartment building. This building is an apartment house as that term was defined in the original 1945 Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.). That term was then defined as:

> "A detached building used and/or arranged for occupancy as dwellings for three or more families as separate housekeeping units. All such housekeeping units shall have unity in use and be supplied, in common, with heat, sewerage and/or other public convenience or

There is evidence of heat and public utilities in common and an acceptable number of units. Therefore, the building does comply with the "D" residential zoning placed on the land on January 2, 1945 for an apartment house because "D" residential permitted all uses in "C" residential. "C" residential permitted apartment houses. The Petitioner has established that the building existed prior to January 2, 1945 or the beginning of zoning regulations. The building was also in compliance with the zoning from January 2, 1945 thru 1955 when the zoning was changed

The second principal to be applied, as specified in Section 104.1, is whether or not there has been a change in the use of the property. A determination must be made as to whether or not any change that has

occurred is a different use and therefore breaks the continued nature of the nonconforming use. If the change in use is found to be different than the original use, the current use of the property shall not be considered nonconforming. See McKemy v. Baltimore County, Md., 39 Md. App. 257, 385 A2d. 96 (1978).

Clearly, the use of the subject property has not changed since 1944. The property has always been a four unit apartment building and there have been no changes or interruptions in that use. The subject property was also in compliance with the original "D" residential zoning for an apartment house for four (4) apartment units.

The Petitioner does not claim an expansion of this use beyond the original four apartments. The evidence establishes the apartments in the subject building have been occupied continuously and without interruption since approximately 1944 and, therefore, are nonconforming.

Pursuant to the advertising, posting of the property and public hearing held and for reasons given above, the Petition for Special Hearing should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, Maryland, this 29th day of December 1988 that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve the nonconforming use of the subject property known as 2515 Yorkway as a four unit apartment building in a D.R. 10.5 zone as more particularly described in Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and the same is hereby GRANTED.

> I. ROBERT HAINES Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

> > #2513-item-216 #2515-item-217 #2517-item-218

#2519-item-219 #2521-item-220

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John B. Gontrum, Esquire, 809 Eastern Boulevard, Essex, Md. 21221

PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is

described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a

Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to determine whe-

ther or not the Zoning Commissioner and/or Deputy Zoning Commissioner should approve _____

as a legal non-conforming use the following buildings (each with four

apartments) located on Yorkway, Baltimore County, Maryland (#2513, #2515

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

cc: Peoples Counsel

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3353 J. Robert Haines



John B. Gontrum, Esquire 809 Eastern Boulevard Essex, Maryland 21221

> RE: Petition for Special Hearing Case #89-250-SPH Contract Purchaser: Landex Corporation Legal Owner: Ronald Gajewski, et ux

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered on the above captioned case. The Petition for Special Hearing has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 494-3391.

> Very truly yours, . Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

cc: Peoples Counsel

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3353 J. Robert Haines

December 29, 1988



Community Development Administration 45 Calvert Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Benton Mortgage Company 5731 Lyons View Drive Nashville, Tennessee 37919

RE: Yorkway Apartments

I have this day taken testimony and evidence with respect to the following Yorkway Apartment Buildings:

2515 Yorkway 2517 Yorkway 2519 Yorkway 2521 Yorkway 2506 Yorkway 2611 Yorkway 2613 Yorkway 2625 Yorkway 2605 Yorkway 2607 Yorkway 2627 Yorkway 2629 Yorkway 2504 Yorkway 2510 Yorkway 2511 Yorkway

2513 Yorkway

Based on the testimony and evidence presented, I am issuing all have legal nonconforming uses as four unit apartment buildings. December 29, 1988 page 2....

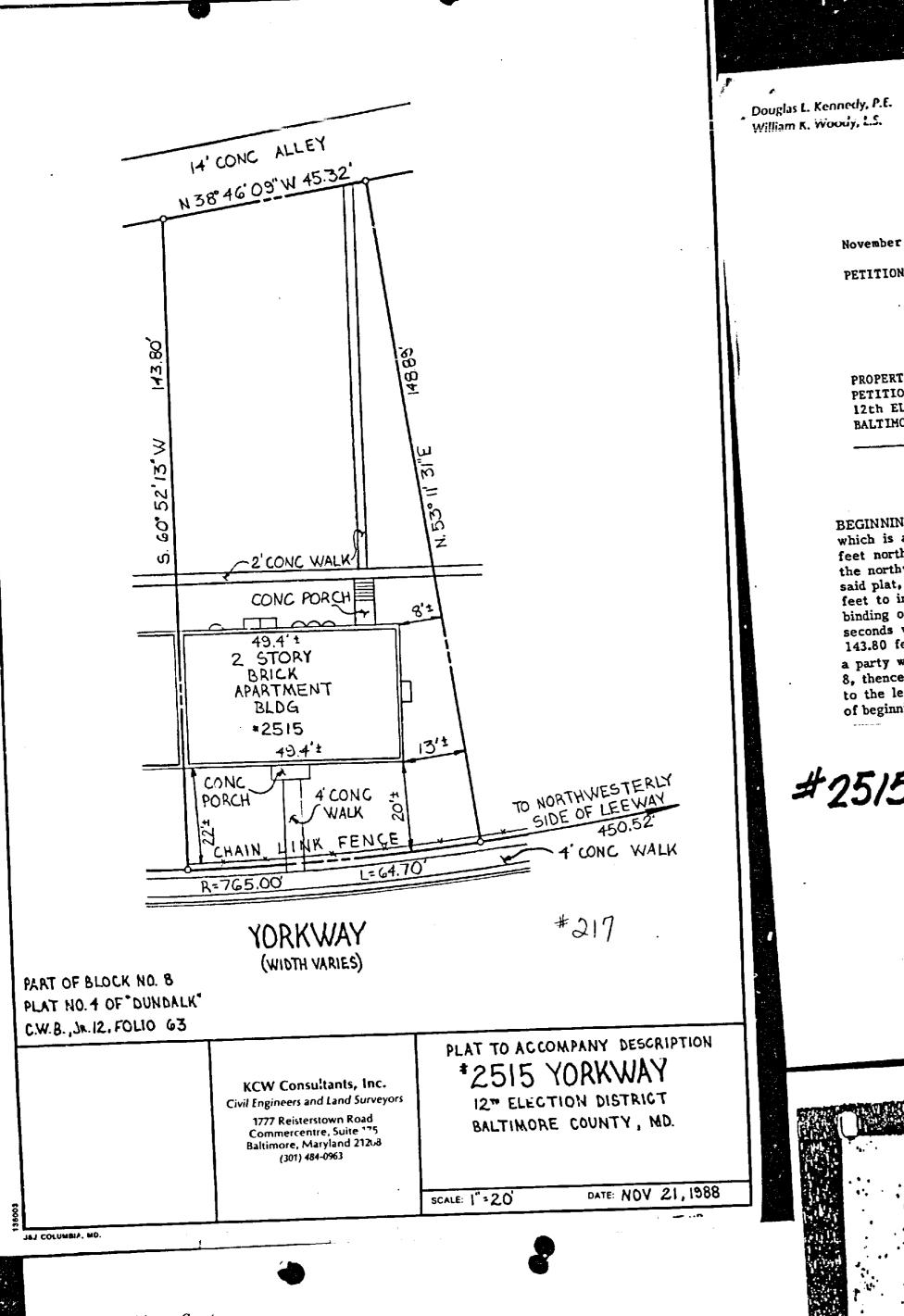
The following properties 2609 Yorkway, 2619 Yorkway, 2527 Yorkway and 2529 Yorkway have all previously been found to have legal nonconforming uses. To my knowledge, there are no zoning violations outstanding on any of these buildings, and they may continue as four unit apartment buildings in conformance with the laws and regulations

> Very truly yours, J. Robert Haines Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

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#2517, #2519, #2521) Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of the above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this Petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition_ Legal Owner(s): Contract Purchaser: Ronald Gajewski, et. ux. Urdith S. Siegel, President
(Type/or Print Name) Tonald Dayeuski Signature Landex Corporation 250 Centerville Road, Bldg. 6 (Type or Print Name) Warwick, R.I. 02886 City and State Attorney for Petitioner: 7713 Charlesmont Road John Gontrum Phone No. (Type of Print Name) 21222 Baltimore, Maryland City and State Signature 809 Eastern Blvd. Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted Essex, Md. 21221 City and State Name Attorney's Telephone No.: 301-686-8274 ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this _____ day of _____, 19____, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore County, on the _____ day of _____, 19____, at ____ o'clock

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J. Robert Haines

John B. Gontrum, Esq. 809 Eastern Boverlard Essex, Maryland 21221

Dennis F. Rasmussen

RE: Petitions for Special Hearing CASE NUMBERS: 89-249-SPH thru 89-264-SPH Your Client: Landex Corporation

Date of Hearing: Thursday, December 29, 1988 at 9:00 a.m.

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

Please be advised that \$1,450.08 is due for advertising and posting of the above referenced properties. All fees must be paid prior to the hearings. Do not remove the sign and post set(s) from the properties.

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT BE ISSUED.

Please make your check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland and bring it to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, Room 111, Towson, Maryland 21204 fifteen (15) minutes before the hearings are scheduled

Please note that due to the number of signs to be returned, here will be n, need for your client to remove and return the signs, as this office will do same.

Very truly yours,

J. ROBERT HAINES Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

cc: Mr. Walter Stealey Ms. Judith S. Siegel

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John M. Cosaraquis, L.S. (Ret.)

KCW Consultants, Inc. Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors 1777 Reisterstown Road Commercentre, Suite 175 Baltimore, Maryland 21208

(301) 484-0894 / 484-0963

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November 29, 1988

PETITIONER/CONTRACT PURCHASER: LANDEX CORPORATION 250 Centerville Road, Bld. 'F' Warwick, Khode Island 02886 Attn: Ms. Judith Siegel (401) 732-5430

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING 12th ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME at a point on the southwesterly line of Block 8 which is also the northeasterly line of Yorkway as now laid out distant 450.52 feet northwesterly measured along the said southwesterly line of Block 8 from the northwesterly line of Leeway as now laid out 60 feet wide all as shown on said plat, and running thence North 53 degrees 11 minutes 31 seconds east 148.89 feet to intersect the southwesterly line of a 14 foot alley there situate, thence binding on the southwesterly line of said alley, north 38 degrees 46 minutes 9 seconds west 45.32 feet, thence south 60 degrees 52 minutes 13 seconds west 143.80 feet, part of which distance is intended to be along the center line of a party wall there situate, to intersect the aforesaid southwesterly line of Block 8, thence binding on said southwesterly line of Block 8 southeasterly on a curve to the left with a radius of 765 feet for a distance of 64.70 feet to the place of beginning; the improvements thereon being known as No. 2515 Yorkway.

#2515 YORKWAY ACC. #12-08-002842

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J. ROBERT HAINES Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

TOWSON, MD., December 9, 1988 and published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., appearing on Docember 8, 1988

Special Hearing: Noncon-forming use of 2515 Yorkway our spartments) In the event that this Petition is granted, a building permit may be issued within the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Com-missioner will, however, entertain any request for a stay of the is-PO 07739 suance of said permit during this period for good cause shown. Such request must be in writing and received in this office by the

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J. ROBERT HAINES CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

OFFICE OF Dundalk Eagle

4 N. Center Place P. O. Box 8936 Dundalk, Md. 21222 December 8, THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement of

7. Robert Haines in the matter of Zoning Hearings - Case # 69-250-SPH = P.O. #07736 - REQ. #M20483 - 80 lines @ \$40.00. was inserted in The Dundalk Eagle a weekly newspaper published in Baltimore County, Maryland, once a week successive weeks before the day of 19₈₈; that is to say, the same was inserted in the issues of

Kimbel Publication, Inc.

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 494-3353 J. Robert Haines



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J. ROBERT HAINES Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

AFFIDAVIT OF NANCY CAPECCI

- I, NANCY CAPECCI, hereby certify that I am over 18 years of age and am competent to testify as follows:
- 1. My husband and I first purchased 2528 Yorkway in 1946 and lived there from 1947 through 1962. We continued to own that property until 1985, but rented it between 1962 and 1985. I reacquired the property in 1987.
- 2. During the period of time that I lived at 2528 Yorkway, as well as the period that I was visiting the property on a weekly and sometimes a daily basis in my capacity as a landlord, I was acquainted with the other properties along Yorkway.
- 3. I have testified in Case Number 89-103 and have given an Affidavit in that case. My testimony and Affidavit are correct with respect to the facts recited. In Case Number 89-103-SPH I identified the flier, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as part of the original advertising for the premises along the 2500 and 2600 Yorkway.
- 4. All of the apartment buildings in the 2500 and 2600 block of Yorkway were originally built prior to 1945 as four unit apartments. Some of the units had basement apartments or later added basement apartments to them.
- 5. I have also testified in Case Number 88-14-SPH before the Board of Appeals with respect to 2619 Yorkway, and feel competent to testify that all of these buildings which are the subject to the case here today were originally built prior to 1945 as four

PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT 3A

unit apartment buildings and during the period in which I lived and leased my units these buildings were continuously and uninterruptedly used for at least four apartments.

STATE OF MARYLAND, County of Baltimore, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on this 58 th day of in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State aforesaid, personally appeared NANCY CAPECCI known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged the foregoing Deed to be her act, and in my presense signed and sealed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires:

The current zoning of D.R. 10.5 would not, however, allow this

I solemnly declare and affirm that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I hereby certify that on this 28 day of Doc. 1988, before me, ______ thompsonotary Public for said State and County, personally appeared JAMES THOMPSON, Affiant, and solemnly affirmed under the penalties of perjury and under oath in due form of law that the contents of the foregoing paper are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

My commission expires: 7-1-010

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

My name is Connie Ports and my address is Apartment B, 2607 Yorkway, Dundalk Maryland 21222. I first moved to the Yorkway area in 1963 and after leaving for a short while, I moved back again in 1971. I have acted as a manager for several of the apartment buildings in the 2600 block of Yorkway and at one time managed 2619 Yorkway. I testified before the Baltimore County Board of Appeals in Case No. 88-14 with respect to 2609 and 2619 Yorkway. It was my testimony at that time under oath, that I have been in all of the buildings along the 2600 block of Yorkway and that they were all identical as four (4) unit apartment buildings, except that some apartments had added an additional apartment in the basement. It was and is my testimony that these buildings were all constructed originally as four (4) bedroom unit apartments and during the familiarity with these apartments for the 1960's up to the present time, these buildings have all been used continuously and uninterruptedly with four (4) apartment units per building.

I solemnly declare and affirm that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I hereby certify that on this day of day of light 1988, before me, Notary Public for said State and County, personally appeared CONNIE PORTS, Affiant, and solemnly affirmed under the penalties of perjury and under oath in due form of law that the contents of the foregoing paper are true to the best of her knowledge, information and

My commission expires:

ROMADKA, GONTRUM PETITIONER'S
EXHIBIT 3B

IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING N/S Yorkway, 225' E of Leeway (2609 Yorkway) 12th Election District Kenneth W. Martin, et ux, Petitioners

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Case No. 86-290-SPH

The Petitioners herein request a Special Hearing to determine whether or not approval should be granted for the non-conforming use of [2609] Yorkway as a four apartment building since 1945, and furthermore, the non-conforming use of two additional apartments in existence since 1951.

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Pursuant to the advertisement and posting of the above referenced property, a public hearing on the Petition was held on January 28, 1986, at which time one of the Petitioners testified that six apartments had been rented continuously since his purchase of the property in 1980. A witness testified that both basement apartments were occupied from spring to fall of 1957.

Two Protestants testified that the building was constructed for four apartments. One of the Protestants testified that the building was constructed in 1945; that in 1963 he was aware of one basement apartment; and that currently he can see a cat living in another basement apartment. The other Protestant testified that through the years, he gradually became aware that there were basement apartments in the neighborhood.

At the request of the Petitioner, the case was continued. The file indicates that the Petitioner would contact the Deputy Zoning Commissioner within 60 days to arrange a date to continue the case. The file includes copies of both a July and a September letter from the Deputy Zoning Commissioner asking that the Petitioner request either a continuation or a dismissal of the case. At this

me, no such request has been noted.

AFFIDAVIT

My name is James Thompson and I am the Zoning Enforcement Supervisor for the Department of Planning and Zoning in Baltimore County, Maryland. I have been employed in the Zoning Office as a Zoning Enforcement Officer and as a Zoning Inspector for 11 1/2 years. For the past 6 years, I have acted as the Chief of the Zoning Enforcement Section. Over these years, I have become acquainted with the apartment buildings on Yorkway in the Dundalk area of Baltimore County. Numerous violations have been filed against various units on the Yorkway complex for exceeding the permitted number of units within the given zone. A review of the zoning records on the numerous violations which we have researched over the past decade indicates that the apartment units on the 2500 and 2600 block of Yorkway were all built about the same time in 1943 and 1944. The units were all built as four (4) unit apartments. When zoning became effective in January in 1945, these apartment buildings were classified as a Class D residential zone. This zone allowed three (3) units or more per dwelling. However, the original regulations provided for non-conforming uses as follows:

"A lawful non-conforming use existing on the effective date of the adoption of these regulations may continue, provided, however, upon any change from such non-conforming use to a conforming use, or any attempt to change from such

> PETITIONERS EXHIBIT 4

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After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented herein, in the opinion of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, it appears that 2609 Yorkway enjoys a non-conforming status as a four apartment building, but the date of the addition of two basement apartments and whether or not they have been used continuously as such, has not been proven.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 16 day of October, 1986, that the herein request for the nonconforming use of 2609 Yorkway as a four apartment building since 1945 is hereby GRANTED, from and after the date of this Order. It is FURTHER ORDERED, that the request to extend the non-conforming use to the two basement apartments in existence since 1951, for a total of six living units, is hereby DENIED.

discontinuance of such non-conforming use for a period of one (1) year, or in case a non-conforming structure shall be damaged by fire or otherwise to the extent of seventy five (75%) percent of its value, the right to continue to resume such non-conforming use shall terminate, provided, however, that any such lawful non-conforming use may be extended or enlarged to an extent not more than once again the area of the land used in the original non-conforming use". Section XI, 1945, B.C.Z.R. These non-conforming use provisions were later amended in the 1955 laws pertaining to zoning to the current Section 104 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. As a result of the status of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations prior to 1955, our office adopted a procedure that allowed four (4) units within a apartment building on Yorkway. Any units in a building in excess of four (4) had to be shown to exist prior to 1955. Our finding was based not only on the zoning history of the property and of the changes of the zoning regulations, but also on the physical confirmation of the buildings which were designed for two (2) units on a first floor with a full basement underneath. Conversations between the inspectors and the neighbors usually indicated that the buildings were always intended to be four (4) unit buildings.

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Petitioners AFFIDAVIT I, Marge Capecci, hereby certify that I am over 18 years of age and competent to testify as follows: 1. I first lived at 2526 Yorkway in 1945 and lived there for approximately two (2) years. We attempted to purchase but were unable to do so and instead rented the property. We then moved to 6918 Homeway, very nearby to this apartment neighburhood, and continued to frequent the Yorkway area to visit family and friends over the course of the next forty (40) years up to the present. 2. I specifically recall the property known as 2534 Yorkway, an end of group, in that same originally contained four (4) apartment dwelling units with a sales office in the basement, which in 1946 or shortly thereafter, was converted to a fifth apartment dwelling unit in the basement. 3. I specifically recall my children playing with the children of families who lived in that basement apartment at 2534 Yorkway, and can state that I have frequently visited to the state that I have frequently visited the state that I have frequently APPLICATION FOR PERMIT BALTIMORE COUNTY MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE BUILDING ENGINEER TAR ACCOUNT 12 08 002842 TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 Mailing Address 250 COWTER WITE, RO WARWICK R. I 02856 GATENSKI 7713 CHARLOS MONT ROAD 21222 NIEL Monking , 450 N/WEX QUITAL A. TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT C. TYPE OF USE NEW BUT THE ZSIS YORKWAY AMUSEMENT, RECREATION, PLACE OF ASSEMBLY ZONING PROVISIONALLY APPROVES THIS PERMIT: TIS ENCE (LENGTH, TOLD HELDING CONDITIONED ON THE GRANT OF THE SPH- REQUESTED HAIST HALL STORAGE BUILDING CONDITIONED ON THE GRANT OF THE SPH. REQUESTED LA STRUCTURE OF THE SPH. REPUBLICATION OF THE SPH. REQUESTED LA STRUCTURE OF THE SPH. REPUBLICATION OF THE SP 1 OR 2 FAM, CODE 1 1978 BOCA CODE S. OFFICE, BANK, PROFESSIONAL FLALU LOOKING, STORM CODE SLAB

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21. TANK, TOWER

22. TRANSIENT HOTEL (NO. UNITS

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ZONING COMMITTIONER

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 89-103-SPH

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PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

SW/C Yorkway and Leeway

(2532 and 2534 Yorkway)

12th Election District

DANIEL ABBOTT, et al

BRIJDEO SHIVNARAIN,

7th Councilmanic

IN RE:

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4. To the extent that I may testified to further m ters not contained herein at an open hearing on September 1988 before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore Cou: my testimony would be the same as the testimony offered that c and I specifically reaffirm, restate, and incorporate my t timony from that day into this Affidavit.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

The applicant is requesting a special hearing to establish four apartment units

within 19 buildings, the majority of which constitute York Park as shown on the

railroad right-of-way that is located along the rear of block No. 9. Staff has

applicant's submittal if buildings 2615, 2609, 2527 and 2529 are included in this request. Baltimore County has been involved with various improvements to this project. Money has been utilized in the past to rehabilitate and upgrade apartments within this project. There has also been an effort to clean up the

applicant's site plan dated October 20, 1988. It is not clear from the

J. Robert Haines

TO Zoning Commissioner

Landex Corporation

Pat Keller, Deputy Director FROM Office of Planning and Zoning

Zoning Petition Nos. 89-249-X thru 89-264-X

no detailed comments or recommendation regarding this request.

6819 Homeway Avenue Dundalk, Maryland 2122

December 28, 1988

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BEFORE THE IN RE: ZONING COMMISSIONER PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING SW/C Yorkway and Leeway (2532 and 2534 Yorkway) 12th Election District BALTIMORE COUNTY 7th Councilmanic BRIJDEO SHIVNARAIN, DANIEL ABBOTT, et al Case No. 89-103-SPH

> AFFIDAYIT I, Nancy Capecci, hereby certify that I am over 18

years of age and competent to testify as follows: Alphaston I first purchased 2528 Yorkway in 1946 and lived there from 1947 through 1962. W continued to own that property until 1985, but rented it between 1962 and 1985. I reacquired the property in 1987.

2. During the entire period of time that I lived at 2528 Yorkway, as well as the period that I was visiting the property on a weekly and sometimes a daily basis in my capacity as a landlord, the property known as 2534 Yorkway consisted of five (5) apartment dwelling units. When we first moved in, it was 4 (four) apartment units with a sales\rental office down in the basement, but that office was converted to an apartment shortly after we moved in, and definitely prior to 1954.

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All of the buildings in that entire area, where I have lived and frequented since 1946, including 2534 Yorkway, have been continuously rented and occupied with the exception of only partial and temporary vacancies normal and customary to multi-family rentals, up through the present time.

4. To the extent that I may have testified to further matters not contained herein at an open hoaring on September 29, 1988 before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, my testimony would be the same as the testimony offered that day, and I specifically reaffirm, restate, and incorporate my testimony from that day into this Affidavit.

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Baltimore, Maryland 21222

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3253 J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner

December 20, 1988



Judith S. Siegel, President 250 Centerville Road Building Six Warwick, Rhode Island 02886

> RE: Case Numbers 89-249-SPH through 89-264-SPH - Yorkway

Dear Ms. Siegel:

Upon review of the documentation which you have submitted in the above referenced cases supporting the evidence of a nonconforming use in the 16 locations on Yorkway which are the subject of the above referenced cases, I am satisfied that if all of the dwellings were constructed with four dwellings prior to January 2, 1945 that obviously an apparent nonconforming use existed at one time. Due to the extreme emergency of your mortgage obligations prior to December 31, 1988, I will provisionally approve the building permits subject to a final determination upon presentation of evidence in the hearing on December 29th. The 16 cases have been advertised and a hearing will occur on the 29th which will allow any protestants to provide any evidence in opposition to the existence of the nonconforming use.

Very tiuly yours,

JRH:scj

